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Shipment after shipment is coming in and crowding us out. Next week we'll be able to show you the finest assortment of holiday goods in the Furniture line you ever dreamt of.

Just now we are overcrowded and must get rid of some of our regular stock, so for this week we will give a discount of

Twenty per cent off all Furniture and

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It's an opportunity worth investigating. It's all a stock Come and look 'round—you may be able to save some money.

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A Public Exhibition

—OF—

Acetylene Gas

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(Opposite Hotel Page).

BEGINNING

Monday Morning,

Dec. 2,

and Continuing Each Day Through the Week from

10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

This large and fully furnished house, formerly occupied by the German Embassy will afford an excellent opportunity to show the

BRILLIANT QUALITIES

OF THIS GAS

and its effect upon

Paintings, Tapestry, etc

The Electric Light, City Gas and Welsbach burners will be used for purposes of comparison.

Scientists, Investors, Gas Consumers

and others interested in this remarkable discovery are invited to examine the light and its installation for domestic uses at this exhibit.

FELL OFF A CABLE CAR.

R. S. Perry, the Contractor, Badly Cut and Injured Internally.

Mr. R. S. Perry, a well-known contractor, fell from a cable car near the corner of Seventh and D streets last night.

He was badly cut about the head and body. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital in No. 1 patrol, where an examination showed him to have several wounds and internal injuries.

Doctors Smith and McDonald dressed his injuries and Mr. Perry was taken to his home, corner of Fourteenth and S streets, in the ambulance.

STANDARD COMPANY WINS.

Home Telephone Company's Richmond Charter Rejected by the Council.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 4.—The board of aldermen last night, after a long and heated session, decided to give the telephone franchise of the city to the Standard Company and rejected the ordinance of the Home Telephone Company.

This was one of the longest and most bitter fights ever made before the council.

The Southern Bell Company's privileges have been revoked, to take effect the 17th instant, and their hand has not yet been seen.

London Athletic Club Dinner.

London, Dec. 4.—The annual dinner of the London Athletic Club was held last night.

Mr. Sherman presiding. Mr. Sherman said that the club's team had been defeated in America because they had met better men.

The only chance that England had of reversing the defeat was by a spirit of unanimity and patriotism equal to that prevailing in the Americans, who were better trained than themselves. He complained of the laxity shown in enforcing the laws affecting amateurism, which, he said, was largely answerable for the American victory.

Notary Public Appointed.

The President has appointed Shipley Brahears, Jr., to be a notary public for the District of Columbia.

IF ALL OTHERS FAIL CONSULT

DR. CZARRA,

16 Fourth at ne. Washington, D. C.

Specialties—All Chronic, Nervous, Blood and Skin Diseases, Indigestion, Liver, Kidney, Bladder, and Urinary Troubles, Piles, Hemorrhoids, etc.

A NEW METHOD for permanent and quick cure of all PRIVATE diseases and Women's Complaints. Finally reduced from 9 to 12 a. m.; 3 to 5 p. m. (Sundays, 4 to 7 p. m.)

CZAR REED'S BOYHOOD

How the Men From Maine Rose From Humble Station.

HIS ENTRANCE INTO LAW

The Dominant Characteristics of the Statesman Were Shown in His Early Career—His First Political Step a Victory—Interesting Anecdotes Told by Old Friends of the Speaker.

On a quiet street of the quaint old New England town of Portland, Me., is an old rambling, dilapidated double house. Its surroundings are in keeping with it. Though now they are wretched, they seem to suggest that "once upon a time," as the story tellers say, this whole street had been better days.

It was in this big double house that Thomas Brackett Reed was born. But the Reed family did not live long in the old ramshackle house. Over in the western end of the town is a neat little two-story cottage, painted a deep shade of green, with two dormer windows upstate, and the main entrance in the side yard. It was here that Tom, as everyone called him, engaged in his juvenile sports, with all the joys and sorrows of the boyish world.

Tom's boyhood was not particularly eventful. He was a very poor boy, although that was not noticeable by his clothes. He was tall and slender, and had not the chubby face of his late years of prosperity and power. He was independent in his ways, and decidedly outspoken, a trait he inherited from his mother.

OFF TO COLLEGE.

One influence was now creeping into Tom's life, destined to manifest itself in one form and another, for many years to come. It concerned Tom's connection with the State Street Congregational Church, and goes back to the period of his boyhood. Tom was deeply interested in church work. He associated himself with good old Hugh Carpenter, who was then officiating. The women workers of the old State Street congregation looked upon the boy as a promising subject for the ministry. In one way and another they favored him.

In time it became known about Tom Reed that he would go to college for the express purpose of fitting himself for a Congregationalist. But his parents were poor, so the women of the church would help him pay his way. Already he had had a taste of the advantages of a higher education. He was turning his thoughts toward Bowdoin College. Longingly he looked toward those classic halls.

The college life of Tom Reed, as he was known to his associates, was possessed of varied interests. He was maintained, in part, while at Bowdoin, by the help of the good ladies of the State Street Church. At college he took no particular interest in the sciences, but showed a strong trend toward literature, philosophy and languages. He dropped out two terms in the freshman year to earn money to keep going. He taught school, and, as usual, "hardened" round.

Reed now became an omnivorous student of books, generally, however, of a romantic character. His interest in class matters flagged, and when the end came to a difficult struggle to get through examinations.

The spirit of independence now manifested itself, the one ruling passion of his life. Tom had made him less of a politician than otherwise he might have been, were he not so blunt and outspoken in his ways and did not take such delight in freedom. Mr. Davis knew him well at Bowdoin. Of Reed this gentleman says:

"At Bowdoin, at this time—before 1860—there were two college societies, into which the whole school was about equally divided. With characteristic independence, Tom organized a society called the 'Outsiders,' meaning the non-society fellows or 'barbarians.'"

"Reed was known as the best speaker in the school. He had then many of the characteristics of speech which afterward were destined to make him famous. He had a turn for epigram, wit, and satire that proved irresistible in the hard-fought college debates."

REED IN A FIGHT.

There was a man in Bowdoin College who was called "Tom Reed." He was a great, tall, lanky student, with shaggy blonde hair, a close friend of Reed's. A. W. Bradbury, a student of the same college, told the incident.

"One day, I remember, Tom was leaving his room when he met Crowell just outside the door. I do not know what passed between them. At any rate, Crowell was a sturdy, athletic chap, handy with his fists, and—biff! he suddenly let out a right-hander which made Tom stagger. The row continued for some time and Tom was finally and finally licked. Remember the incident? Well, I guess Tom does!"

"I was talking of Crowell to Tom the other day and he said: 'Yes, nearly all the members of our little circle are dead now, Bradbury; but if I could call just one of them back, do you know whom I would choose?'"

"Well, I said, very slowly, 'I would choose Crowell!' was what he said."

Soon after Tom graduated from Bowdoin he obtained a position as assistant principal in the Boys' High School of Portland. There he remained a year. Never intending to devote himself permanently to teaching, at the end of a year, after performing his duties capably, Reed resigned.

About this time a lawyer of the place, Mr. C. Stoughton, Reed's law partner, a friend, saying that a certain Thomas Reed desired to enter his office as a law student, and asked what could be done.

HE HAD BRAINS.

"My first impression of the young man was favorable," said Mr. Stoughton, "and I concluded to forego the legal tuition fee of \$100 a year. I soon learned that the young man had brains. I used to send him to look up information for submission to some law court, occasionally, and invariably found that when he began a matter he went thoroughly to the bottom of it. I did not have to overlook the ground to verify it. That pleased me much, and gradually I came to have a warm place in my heart for Tom. He stayed with me a year or more, and won my admiration as a careful student."

"After the time mentioned had elapsed he came to me one day and said that he was going to California to try to build up his fortune. Reed had long engaged a first-class passage to California, he embarked on a schooner bound for the isthmus of Panama, going to the steamer. It was a hard, rough voyage, going back again to Portland in 1864, Reed secured an appointment as paymaster in the navy, a position he held for about one year, when, resuming his legal studies, he was admitted to the bar, finally, in 1865.

"He took in partnership with him a young man named Smith, the firm being Reed & Reed. They had little to do and soon separated."

One of Portland's lawyers says of Reed's law practice: "The first case of importance that I remember Reed had was a homicide affair, involving a drunken sailor, a woman, a bottle of whisky and several such details. It was a plain case against the sailor, but Tom undertook to defend him. He lost, of course."

"It was difficult for Tom or any other young man to make headway at the Port in those days. The lines were closely drawn."

ACQUIRED A PRACTICE.

Three years Mr. Reed had acquired a living practice. Then, one day, there came to him what has since proved one of the opportunities of a lifetime—the chance

A TEMPTING BARGAIN.



This Handsome Double Jacket is made in latest style, Box Front, Black and large Mandolin Sleeves. As a very special bargain we sell it at

\$33.39

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to serve his native State in the legislature.

Speaking of Tom's entrance into politics, Judge Webb said:

"I don't know much about Reed at the time. I had been attracted to him—why I cannot say. There was a chance to send him to the legislature, and I told my friends to watch him. In the convention the members came to me and asked me about Reed, saying, 'Who is this man? Is he all right?' 'Yes,' I replied, 'he is all right, you had better vote for him.' Well, he took six ballots to choose him, but finally it was done. That is all I can say of Tom's entry into politics."

He was elected by a handsome majority. This was in 1868.

Two years later he married a widow, by the name of Mrs. Jones. Her father was Rev. A. H. Merrill, the chaplain of the First Maine Cavalry. Mr. Reed was very tall, while she was small and slight. They have one child, Catharine.

"Reed," said a friend of his, "is an extraordinary character. His large physical structure seems to be a type of his aggressive and tremendous mental force. If Reed's appetite could have ever got the mastery of him he would have become a Mirabeau in license. But he has perfect command of himself. He is simple, frugal and temperate in all things."

What further political position Mr. Reed may have desired for is known only to himself. His present standing may well be his ambition look with level eyes on any office.

ARMENIAN RELIEF FUNDS.

Miss Clara Barton Asked to Take Charge of Them.

Mr. Harrop Bogdan, secretary of the Armenian Relief Committee, accompanied by Representative McCall of Massachusetts, had a consultation with Secretary Olney yesterday, relative to sending funds being raised in this country to the suffering Armenians.

Mr. Bogdan, speaking of the conference, said that he found the Secretary of State very attentive and well versed on the Armenian question. He expressed much interest in the relief of the Armenians and to want to be of service to them.

Mr. Bogdan asked if our minister at Constantinople could be instructed to see to the proper disbursement of any funds sent to the Armenians.

Secretary Olney at once said that the Red Cross Society was the best agency to take charge of this matter.

At his suggestion, Mr. Bogdan called on Miss Clara Barton and her staff at the Red Cross headquarters.

He laid the matter before Miss Barton and her associates, acquainted her with the situation and the kind of work the Armenians, using the Red Cross Society, so well known for its humane work, to take charge of the work.

Miss Barton did not give a definite answer, but, from her conversation, Mr. Bogdan feels satisfied that the United States request if the Red Cross Society will undertake the work.

SEARCHED FOR FILIBUSTERS.

Steamship Bound for Philadelphia Held Up by Spanish Gunboats.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—Two Spanish gunboats boarded and searched off the north coast of Cuba, the small Norwegian steamer, the Morrocan, which arrived yesterday from Havana, loaded with bananas.

The Morrocan sailed from Philadelphia on November 1 for Barcelona, and the news of her departure was at once called by the Spanish authorities to Cuba, and the war craft, which patrol the coast, were ordered to keep a good lookout for her.

Five days after the capture, when in sight of Cuba two Spanish war vessels appeared in sight and the sharp report of a rifle fired from the Morrocan to the Morrocan to leave, which order was promptly complied with.

Does loads of men from one vessel boarded the frigate, while the two war ships kept watch to prevent the escape of filibusters, and the loading of war material, which was supposed to be on board.

After a thorough search nothing of a filibuster character was found on board, and a certificate was given to the captain of the Morrocan to that effect.

A protest was also forwarded by the Admiral in charge of the search, protesting against the ridiculous stories which are continually being sent to Cuba from Philadelphia.

FIGHTING A BISCUIT TRUST.

Five Indictments Made in New Orleans Against Cracker Concerns.

New Orleans, Dec. 4.—The investigation by the grand jury in the charges that certain persons had combined to form a trust relative to the sale of crackers, biscuits and paste has resulted in the indictment of Frank T. Bobb, Henry J. Rolling and Edward J. Keen, commercial travelers, and a corporation known as the James J. Reese Company, and L. J. Follett, acting as manager and representative of the Reese Company.

The presentments charge them with entering into a conspiracy on November 1 last to engage in a combination in the form of a trust and conspiracy in restraint of trade and to monopolize the sale of crackers, biscuits and paste.

All of those indicted called today at the criminal court and gave bond, and they would have anything to say about the charges against them. It is said the accused will endeavor to test the constitutionality of the anti-trust law.

Considerable interest will be taken in the cases when they come up for trial.

QUINN LOOKING FOR FIGHT.

He Will Back Peter Maher Against the World.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—John J. Quinn, manager of Peter Maher, arrived in this city last night from Pittsburgh. He is on his way to New York, where he expects to meet Dan Stuart, who claims to have Fitzsimmons' signature to a challenge to fight Corbett at a place in Mexico, where the fight can be pulled off without government interference.

Mr. Quinn says that he wants to match Maher against Fitzsimmons, and will post \$5,000 to \$20,000 to back Maher against "Jumpy" Bobb.

If Fitzsimmons won't fight, Quinn is willing to have Maher fight for a purse, and will let any amount on the outside up to \$10,000.

Fitzsimmons won't fight, Quinn is willing to have Maher fight for a purse, and will let any amount on the outside up to \$10,000.

Quinn is willing to back Maher against any man in the world, including Fitzsimmons, Jackson or Corbett. In conclusion, Quinn said:

"We don't want to do any theatrical business. We want to get on a fight and fight the better, and we will make our terms reasonable enough to give every one a chance."

Arguments on Durrant's New Trial.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Arguments on the motion for a new trial in the Durrant case were conducted yesterday. Judge Murphy announced that he would dispose of the motion on Friday morning next.

Our Great and Most Wonderful Sale!

We have opened the mid-winter campaign. From now on we propose to and actually will lead in the shoe-selling of the District. We have made prices that cannot be equaled—cannot be approached. For Xmas presents we have prepared an unexcelled line of House Shoes—Slippers—nullifiers—comfort givers—for ladies to give gentlemen and gentlemen to present ladies with. We are ready to do the business of our life, if great values, low prices, courteous service, quick delivery and all those things that make a perfect shoe store will induce you to trade here—and they will.

Stoll's Prices

are what you are accustomed to—what you expect—and we shall more than live up to our record.

Wonderful Values

Women's Shoes

50c. Table. This lot comprises Ladies' Kid Button of excellent make, worth \$2.50, and Ladies' Kid Oxfords, worth \$2.00—but only in small sizes—and all sizes of comfortable and pretty Felt Slippers.

75c. Table. Ladies' Button and Lace and Oxford—good quality of Kid, but small sizes only.

98c. Table. Ladies' Kid Button and Lace, in all sizes—really very fine Shoes, with the latest toe; worth up to \$3.00.

\$1.23 Table. Ladies' Kid Button and Lace—all sizes. Opera, Philadelphia and Common-sense Toes. A high class shoe.

\$1.48 Table. Ladies' Fine Hand-sewed Shoes—in the latest styles. Some of them are really worth as high as \$3.50. Among this lot are some Ladies' Quilted Nullifiers—an ideal shoe for housewears. Lined, padded and fur tops.

\$1.65 Table. Ladies' Kid Lace and Button—in all styles—all toes. The regular price on these is \$3.50.

\$1.98 Table. Ladies' Patent Leather Shoes, with cloth or kid tops. There are about 200 pairs in this lot—all sizes. These are very fascinating shoes, especially the cloth tops—they are beautifully made—superb patent leather—finely finished.

\$1.98 Table. Harvart Goat Ties—Tan and black—splendid slippers—worth \$1.50.

\$1.98 Table. Another Patent Leather Oxford table—high grade shoes—made of good quality calf, perfectly finished.

\$1.00 Table. Ladies' Vici Kid Hand-sewed Shoes—Needle, Opera, Razor, Square and Common-sense Toe—in all sizes.

\$2.48 Table. Ladies' Kid, Lace and Button—all styles—perfectly made—glove-fitting—regular \$4 value.

\$2.98 Table. Ladies' Kid Lace and Button, all shapes and toes. These shoes are equal to the very finest custom shoes—perfectly made from superb quality of stock; sold everywhere for \$5.

Broadcloth Overgaiters. 7 buttons, 23c and 48c; 10 buttons, 68c. Black French Kid Slippers for house wear, 50c, 75c and \$1.

Men's Slippers

50c. Table. This is a Slipper table—embroidered, with patent leather backs. They are excellent goods, very suitable for presents.

75c. Table. Another Slipper table—embroidered velvet, imitation alligator back—also some Kid ones—very stylish and durable. In this lot, too, are Everett Tie Slippers, made of fine goat, with patent leather back.

\$1.25 Table. Nullifiers—Tan and black—excellent make; very comfortable.

\$1.35 Table. Nullifiers—in black and taupe—very good quality.

\$1.48 Table. Men's Slippers in black and tan—durable and comfortable—well made and good looking.

\$1.48 Table. This table contains patent leather Oxfords, easy for house wear and very dressy looking.

Men's Shoes

High grade Men's Lace and Congress Calf—value never equaled in this city—bargains beyond compare—all calf shoes.

\$1.50 Table. The finest grades of French Patent Leathers for men—leather that the exclusive stores use in shoes that they sell for \$3 and \$4.

\$1.73 Table. The shoes—in calf—that the usual stores charge more for—shoes worth up to \$4.

\$1.98 Table. PATENT LEATHERS—Congress and Bals—all sizes and toes—we have never even thought of offering such values as these at the prices we name.

\$2.23 Table. Finest selected calfskin shoes in Balmorals and Congress—all the latest and most fashionable toes and styles.

\$2.48 Table. These are hand welts in all styles of calf—Men's finest shoes—also Patent Leather shoes of the finest \$5 quality.

STOLL'S "810" 7th St.

TO CELEBRATE THEIR DAY

Big Maryland Delegation to Leave the Monumental City Tonight.

They Propose to Make the Event One to be Remembered—Washingtonians Who Want to Go.

Maryland day, to be observed Friday next, will be a memorable event, and a delegation numbering 2,000 people from that State will celebrate it.

The delegation, under the auspices of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association of Baltimore, will pass through Washington tonight. The special is sold by the State officially. Every interest in Baltimore will be represented.

It is the most important party no doubt that has ever left the city of Baltimore.

The military escort, represented by the Fourth regiment, Col. William Howard commanding, numbering 450 men; the Fifth regiment, Col. Frank Markee commanding, numbering 450 men, and the naval reserves, Commander Emerson in charge, will embark by steamers Jane Mosely and the Columbia from Baltimore at 7 o'clock tonight for Portsmouth, where four special trains will be in readiness to transport the troops to Atlanta, reaching there 4 o'clock Friday morning.

The Veterans Volunteer Association of Baltimore will also attend, using Bay Line steamers, carrying with them horse carriage. The entire Maryland delegation, numbering nearly 2,000 people, intend to make Maryland day at the Atlanta Exposition a memorable one.

The expedition grounds will be very imposing. Nearly \$20,000 has been contributed by the Baltimore people to pay the expenses of this demonstration, and it is thought that ten of Baltimore's most prominent citizens will each subscribe \$1,000 to guarantee the distribution of 20,000 admission tickets on Friday next.

The Seaboard Air Line, in addition to handling these two large parties over their line, is arranging to handle a large number of New Yorkers who reach Portsmouth by the Old Dominion Steamship Company. The transportation of this entire party is in General Agent Robert A. Farley's hands, and he has been giving it very close personal attention.

The special will not stop in Washington other than for the purpose of changing engines on Virginia avenue. Washingtonians desiring to be present at Atlanta on Maryland day, Friday, the 6th, can secure tickets from the Seaboard Air Line today at \$14 for the round trip from ticket office of the Pennsylvania Railroad and leave by the Atlanta special, 8:40 p. m., arriving at Atlanta early Thursday afternoon, and so desiring, can return from Atlanta leaving at 11 p. m. Atlanta time, arriving Washington Sunday evening. Berth rate for the night, \$2, good for two persons.

Judgment in Affirmed.

The District court of appeals yesterday rendered an opinion affirming the judgment of the lower court in the case of Helphinstone vs. Downey & Smith, under which the latter had recovered \$5,000 as damages for alleged breach of contract.

Pensioners Make a Big Hash.

Today several hundred thousand dollars will be distributed by Uncle Sam among the worthy men who helped to sustain this glorious government. The first thought that enters the minds of these old heroes, after drawing their money, is that they must lay in a supply of groceries to last for the next three months, as Uncle Sam deals out pensions only four times a year.

"Johnstons," the Seventh street grocers, are always ready for the lion's share when it comes to supplying provisions, so they advertise to cash all pension checks free, and to give four pounds of best granulated sugar to each purchaser of one dollar's worth or over of groceries today.

"Johnstons" are just opening their new stock of imported carrots, raisins, nuts, candies, fruits, etc., and are now ready to supply the holiday demand for everything that pertains to the grocery business.

Cheap Furs.

Don't miss your opportunity. At present we are selling furs at cost—cold weather is bound to raise prices. Buy while they are cheap.

Saks Fur Co., 13th and G Sts. N. W.

A Three-Days' Shoe Sale.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Of four Special Shoes for Ladies, every pair a genuine bargain and only one pair sold to a customer.

Ladies' very fine kid, hand-sewed, needle toe, pat. leather tip and quarters, an elegant shoe for ladies suffering with tender feet. Regular price, \$3.00; for a three days' sale, \$2.35.

Ladies' very fine dongola button, hand-sewed welt, narrow square, broad square and narrow opera toes, pat. leather tips. Regular price, \$3.00; for a three days' sale, \$2.35.

Ladies' fine dongola, square toe, pat. leather tip, Goodyear sewed welt, button, equal to hand-sewed; an elegant shoe for wear. Regular price, \$2.50; for a three days' sale, \$1.79.

Ladies' fine dongola button, extreme pointed toes and pat. leather tips. Regular price, \$2.50; for a three days' sale, \$1.79.

If any purchasers of the above shoes are not satisfied within one week can return them and the money will be refunded if in good condition.

BROWN'S SHOE STORE,

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